

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Clara Annette Jans was born on October 26, 1913, and we are richer because Clara lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Clara married Richard Kost on October 25, 1929, and gave life and love to one daughter, Velda, who in turn presented them with 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-granddaughter; and,

Whereas, Clara maintains her own apartment, her family is the beneficiary of her knitting, crocheting, and quilting projects, and her church can count on her to cook lefse, conduct visitations, and entertain her circle members whenever asked to do so; and,

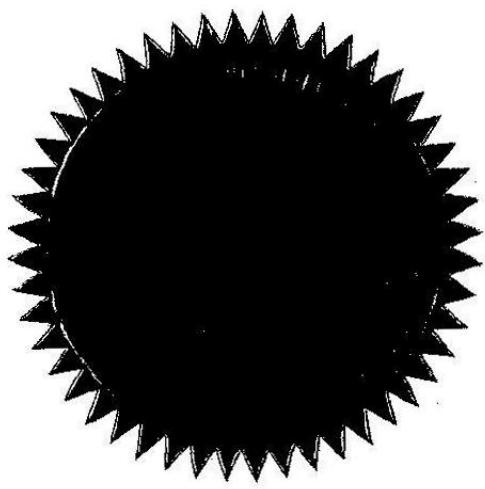
Whereas, Clara resides in Huron, South Dakota, and will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather together on October 25, 2003, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State